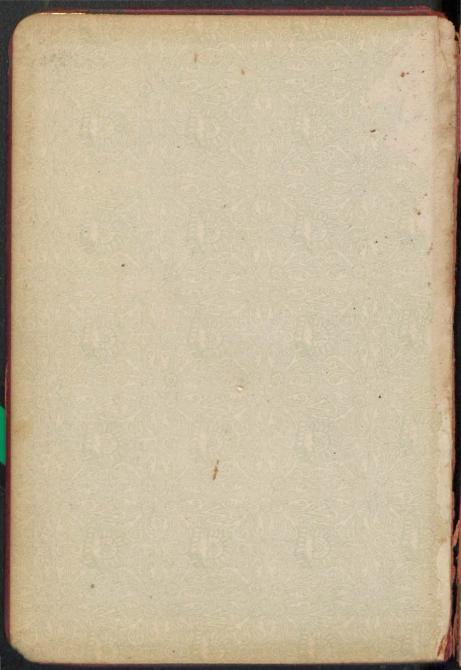
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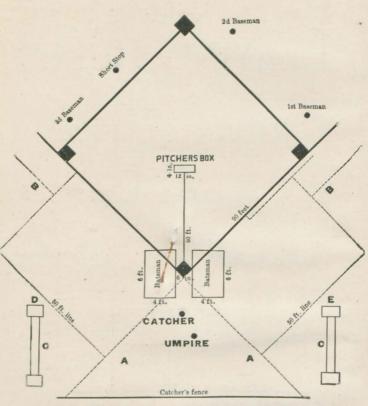
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A. A. A.—Ground reserved for Umpire, Batsman and Catcher, B. B.—Ground reserved for Captain and Assistant. C.—Players' Bench. D.—Visiting Players' Bat Rack. E.—Home Players' Bat Rack.

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NAME.

Section 1.—(1) This association shall be called "The National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs."

OBJECTS.

SEC. 2.—The objects of this League are:

(1) To perpetuate base ball as the national game of the United States, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant for the future absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

(2) To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, and

(3) To establish and regulate the base ball championship of the United States.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3.—This League shall consist of twelve clubs (the membership of which shall not be increased or diminished for a period of ten years) located in the following named cities, towit, Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Cleveland and Chicago, or such other clubs as may, from time to time, be elected to membership as may be hereinafter provided for, but in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 4.—Any club member of this I eague finding itself unable to meet the obligations it has assumed shall have the right to ask the League for permission to dispose of its rights

and franchises as a member of this League to some other city or organization. In the event of this League giving its consent to the acceptance of such city or organization to membership, such club member shall be admitted to membership, providing said club shall assume, together with the rights and franchises of said retiring club, all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by said retiring club as a member of this League. Provided, however, and it must be so understood by the retiring and the new member, that the retiring club shall not be relieved or released from any contracts, responsibilities or obligations entered into by it to this League until all of said contracts, responsibilities and obligations have been fully paid and determined by the club accepting its membership, rights, franchises, etc.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 5.—No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the secretary of the League a written application for membership, signed by its president and secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and, where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application, said report to be communicated to the League through the secretary.

SEC. 6.—The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths vote being requisite for election.

IN REGARD TO VACANCIES.

SEC. 7.—In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season the president shall nominate to all the clubs all applicants for membership, and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3.—The membership of any club may be terminated—

(1) By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all the clubs in meeting duly convened, as provided in Sec. 4.

(2) Failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling.

(3) Allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds

or in any building owned or occupied by it.

(4) Playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified

or ineligible under this constitution.

(5) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

(6) Disbandment of its organization or team during the

championship season.

(7) Failing or refusing to fulfill its contractual obligations.

(8) Failing or refusing to comply with any lawful require-

ment of the Board of Directors.

(9) Willfully violating any provision of this constitution or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof.

THE EXPULSION OF CLUBS.

SEC. 9.—To carry into effect the provisions of Sec. 8 of this constitution the facts in any case covered by such section must be reported to the secretary of the League, who shall at once notify by mail or telegraph the party charged with the specified default or offense, inquiring whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the secretary written ballots "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion;" and if all clubs vote "For Expulsion" the secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SEC. 10.—(1) Each club shall pay to the secretary on or before the 1st day of April of each year the sum of one hundred dollars as annual dues; and such other sums as from time to time may be assessed for the payment of salaries of officers and umpires and for such other expenses as may be incurred by order of this League or the Board of Directors. Also all fines and penalties imposed by said League or its Board of Directors

upon a club or upon any club officer, player, manager, scorer, or other employe when so levied and imposed by virtue of and in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and the playing rules of this League.

THE IMPOSING OF FINES.

(2) Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Sec. 8, as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in their judgment commensurate with the injury; which fine may include a penalty payrola to any other club or clubs, as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

OFFICERS.

SEC. II.—At its annual meeting the League shall elect a president, secretary, treasurer, and Board of Directors. The president shall be ex officio chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall preside at all the meetings of the League, and at the annual meeting of the League shall appoint three representatives of the League to act as a schedule committee.

Should the office of president become vacant by death, resignation or removal, the Board of Directors shall within thirty days elect a president.

SEC. 12.—The Board of Directors shall consist of the president and six other members, to be chosen at the annual meeting by ballot, three of whom shall represent the Eastern clubs and three the Western clubs.

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 13.—No person shall be qualified to act as director who is not an actual member of the club he represents, nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SEC. 14.—The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all affairs and business of the League, and shall be individually answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

SEC. 15.—The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in November, at 9 o'clock, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 16.—The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

VACANCY IN THE BOARD.

SEC. 17.—In case of vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence or disqualification of any director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at once notify the secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of directors in Sec. 12.

THE SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

SEC. 18.—The secretary shall be the treasurer of the League and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League; receive all dues, fees and assessments, make such payments as shall be ordered by the Board, or by the vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts, and shall give such bond, with approved sureties, as the Board may require.

SEC. 19.—The secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices, and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 20.—The secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the

Board at its next meeting.

SEC. 21.—The secretary shall receive such salary as the Board, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they would deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office he shall account for and deliver up to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

LAWS GOVERNING EMPLOYES.

INDIVIDUAL CLUB CONTROL.

SEC. 22.—Each club belonging to this League shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference, or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests; not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution, or the Playing Rules of this League.

CLUB TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

SEC. 23.—Every club of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances, except with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located, nor shall a visiting League club play any game in April with any non-League club within said five miles from the corporate limits of the city in which the League club is located, without the consent of the local League club.

MODE OF CONTRACT.

SEC. 24.—Contracts between a club and its players may be either by telegram or writing, to be followed within thirty days thereafter by a contract in the form approved and promulgated by the secretary, to all the clubs.

ON RESERVATION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 25.—Each club a member of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the roth day of October in each year each club shall transmit to the secretary a reserve list of players whose services it desires to retain, not exceeding fourteen in number then under contract to said club for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons, and in addition thereto the names of such players reserved in any prior annual list who have refused to contract with said club. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with, shall be ineligible to contract with any other club

of this League except as hereinafter provided. No club shall have the right to reserve any player when in arrears of salary to him. The secretary shall duly promulgate such lists.

MAKING CONTRACTS.

SEC. 26.—All contracts between clubs of this League and individual players shall be made through the secretary, or his duly authorized agent. This League shall adopt such form of contract as it may deem best for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the secretary, and duly promulgated by him. Provided, clubs belonging to this League may contract with players for any period of time that may be mutually agreed upon. Provided, that no club shall at any time enter into negotiation or contract with any player under contract, agreement or reservation with or by any other club, without the latter's consent.

EXPULSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 27.—Any player, while under contract with or reservation by a League club, who shall, without the consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club releases a manager or player without notice, or gives him ten days' notice of release in accordance with the terms of his contract, and whenever it suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the secretary of this League, stating, in case of release, the date when the same takes effect, and in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof.

NEGOTIATING FOR SERVICES.

SEC. 28.—No player, without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, shall enter into negotiations with any other club for future services, but if such consent be obtained, a player may negotiate for his release, and offer a money consideration therefor, which may be accepted by the said releasing club.

EFFECT OF CLUB DISBANDMENT.

SEC. 29.—The disbandment of a League club or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall be subject to transfer to such other club as the League may designate after acceptance of their said services.

ON SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 30.—No manager or player who has been suspended or expelled from a League club shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with or serve in any capacity any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or, upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

PLAYING WITH OUTSIDE CLUBS.

SEC. 31.—No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled or under suspension from the League or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof. A violation of this section shall forfeit the game in favor of the non-offending club, and subject it to such fine as the Board of Directors may impose.

"CROOKEDNESS" AND ITS PENALTIES.

SEC. 32.—Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the playing rules, or who, while acting as umpire, shall violate any provision of the Constitution, or of the playing rules adopted hereunder, may be forever disqualified by the president of the League from acting as umpire, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club.

THE UMPIRE AND HIS DUTIES.

THE STAFF OF UMPIRES.

Sec. 33.—A staff of League umpires shall be selected by the secretary before the opening of the regular season.

(1) They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract between them and the secretary of the League, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the League.

(2) They shall be under the sole control and direction of the secretary, from whom they will receive all assignments to duty and all instructions regarding the interpretation of the playing rules, and the secretary shall prescribe a proper uniform for them, all parts of which shall be worn while officiating as umpires.

THEIR DUTIES.

(3) In the event of the failure of an umpire to umpire a game assigned to him, it shall be the duty of the secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game, and in such case there shall be deducted from the next monthly payment to the League umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

(4) It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpire for any championship game such League umpire or substitute as the secretary shall assign to such game, and only in the event of the failure of the League umpire or substitute so assigned to appear at the hour appointed for the beginning of such game, shall the duty devolve upon the home club to designate an umpire for such game.

THEIR REMOVAL,

(5) Any League umpire shall be subject to removal by the secretary at any time, and in the event of the resignation, removal or expulsion of any League umpire the secretary shall have power to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy thus created.

CAUSE FOR EXPULSION.

SEC. 34.—Any League umpire who shall in the judgment of the president of the League be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, or of selling or offering to sell a game of which he is umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity and placed under the same disabilities inflicted upon expelled players by the constitution of this League.

SETTLEMENT OF CLUB DISPUTES.

THE GOVERNING TRIBUNAL.

SEC. 35.—The Board of Directors shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between clubs; the facts to be submitted, and the dispute adjudicated under such regulations as the Board shall prescribe in each case. The finding of the Board shall be final, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

THE GOVERNING LOWER.

SEC. 36.—The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for conduct in violation of any provision of this constitution, or pre-

judicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such player or manager may belong to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him. Provided, that such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and be transmitted to the secretary by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

ADJUDICATING COMPLAINTS BY PLAYERS.

SEC. 37.—In case a player under contract with a League club, shall during a current season prefer a complaint in writing to the secretary of the League against such club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if one week shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the secretary shall refer the paper in the case to the Board of Directors through its chairman, and should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. Provided, that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his award:

THE COURT OF APPEAL.

SEC. 38.—The Board shall also be the sole tribunal for the hearing of an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended or disciplined by his club. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner: Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension or discipline, file with the secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal, and at the next annual meeting, the club, by its duly authorized representative, and the appellant in person, by attorney, or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 39.—No director shall sit in the trial of a cause in

which his club is interested.

SEC. 40.—Any expense of trials or arbitrations shall be borne equally by the parties to the controversy.

ADOPTING PLAYING RULES.

SEC. 41.—This League shall adopt such playing rules as it deems best for the conduct of its business.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.

THE COMPETING CLUBS.

SEC. 42.—The championship of the United States established by this League shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing the League.

DURATION OF THE SEASON.

Sec. 43.—The championship season shall extend from such date in April or May to such date in September or October as the League may determine at its stated or special meeting.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

SEC. 44.—Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players to or with each other for any game played during the championship season.

NUMBER OF GAMES.

SEC. 45.—Each club shall play twelve or more championship games with every other club, but a tie or draw game or a game prevented by rain shall be played off on the same grounds on a succeeding open date within the dates of the same schedule series between such clubs, or any succeeding series. An open date succeeding any series of games between two clubs shall be considered as belonging to and within the dates of the preceding series, providing such day is not absolutely required by either club to meet its next schedule appointment.

SPECIAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.

SEC. 46.—Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its grounds, except as otherwise provided in Sec 45, and in all the details of such games that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the playing rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club, and the visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein

stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club.

It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game under similar penalties for default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practice its nine on the grounds of the home club between II and I2 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship stason.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE.

SEC. 47.—All championship games shall be arranged in a written schedule prepared by the schedule committee, and reported to and adopted by the League by a three-fourths vote before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games and specify the date of each game, and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs to another day prior to the first and subsequent to the last date of the same schedule series between such clubs; or (2) as provided in Sec 45; or (3), by the written consent of three-fourths of all the League clubs.

THE ADMISSION FEES.

SEC. 48.—The general admission fee to all championship games shall be fifty cents (50), but each club shall designate a part of its grounds and provide seats thereon the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five (25) cents, and all division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty (50) cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five (25) cents, and as to such part of said grounds all division of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five cents.

RECORD OF RECEIPTS.

SEC. 49.—At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the manager of the visiting club (and shall transmit by mail to the president of the visiting club a duplicate of the same) a statement of the receipts of said game which must include all fifty cent and all twenty-five cent admissions Prior to any division of the receipts ten per centum thereof shall be deducted to be deposited in the general fund, and the balance shall then be divided on the basis of fifty per centum, and after all

debts incurred by this League and all current expenses are paid and a treasury fund of \$25,000 has accumulated, the balance shall be equally divided monthly among all the clubs.

THE TURNSTILE COUNT.

SEC. 50 — The number of persons admitted to the groungs shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game; and said agent of the visiting club shall have full access to such turnstile, and the box of such turnstile shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh innings and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. No person shall be admitted free to the grounds during or prior to such game or the hour appointed therefor, excepting only players of contesting clubs, policemen in uniform, the umpires and the necessary employes of the home club. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count for each and all games, or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use for its business a substantial pasteboard ticket, which can be readily counted.

DIAGRAM OF GROUNDS.

SEC. 51.—No club shall be allowed to have more than four entrances to its grounds except upon holidays, but for all such days the visiting club shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and location of additional entrances: provided, however, emergency gates may be opened by consent of the visiting club if occasion requires.

STOPPING PLAY TO CATCH TRAINS.

SEC. 52.—On any day when either club is required to leave a city to, or in order to reach another city, where it is scheduled to play its next game, the home club shall be compelled upon proper notice by the visiting club to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train by means of which either club can reach the next scheduled point in time. And either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said train time without forfeiting any rights or privileges, provided five innings have been played, and the impire shall be the sole judge of the time.

GIVING OUT RAIN CHECKS.

SEC. 53.—In the event of a game being stopped by rain before completion of five innings, the home club may issue rain checks, good for any succeeding game. If rain checks are so issued the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts; but if rain checks are not issued, the visiting club shall be entitled to its percentage of receipts, precisely as if the game had been fully played.

ON FORFEITED GAMES.

SEC. 54—A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any section of this Constitution or of any playing rule; and in the event of said forfeiture being caused by the withdrawal of the players during the progress of the game, or by a failure to report with its team at the time fixed for the game, unless written notice has been received from the home club that the game cannot be played, then such forfeiting club shall incur a penalty of one thousand dollars, which shall be payable to the Secretary of the League within ten days thereafter for the use and benefit of the non-offending club, but said fine may be remitted or modified upon appeal to and a hearing by the Board of Directors.

ON DRAWN GAMES.

SEC. 55.—Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series as games (but any game of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Sec. 45. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.

Double games for one admission shall not be permitted until the last schedule series, when they shall be compulsory to the ex-

tent of playing off all postponed, tie or drawn games,

WINNING THE PENNANT.

SEC. 56.—The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between any two of such clubs, such games to be played at the close of the championship season, and the games so played shall be included in the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship

season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the national colors) to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

DECIDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sec. 57.—The championship shall be decided in the following manner:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the playing rules, the date, the place where played, the names of the clubs and umpire; provided, that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except the averages; and provided, further, that in any case where the secretary shall not receive the score of a clampionship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of two dollars as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statement so sent him, which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider:

(1) The tabular statement of the secretary.

(2) Forfeited games.

(3) Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs, such games shall be counted to the following extent: The Board shall ascertain the least number of chempionship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. Provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SEC. 58.—The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in November of each year, at 12 o'clock noon, and at such places as shall have been determined by a vote at the previous annual meeting.

CLUB REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 59.—At such meeting each club shall be represented and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meeting; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player or manager, and belonging to the nine of said club in such capacity. They shall present a certificate from the president or secretary of their club, showing their authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote.

THE LEAGUE SESSIONS.

SEC. 65.—This League may, upon a majority vote of its members, elect to go into executive session for the transaction of its business, and during such sessions no club shall be entitled to more than two (2) representatives.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 61.—Special meetings may be called by the president of this League on his own option or on the written call of six clubs.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Sec. 62 —A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn f om time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 63.—The following shall be the order of business, unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

- 1. Reading Minutes of last meeting.
- 2. Report of Board of Directors.
- Report of Committees.
 Election of new members.
- 5. Amendment of Constitution.
- 6. Amendment of Playing Rules.
- 7. Election of Officers.
- 8. Miscellaneous business.
- q. Adjournment,

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 64.—(1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that this section and Sections 3, 8, 48 and 49 shall not be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of this League.

(2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provision made nonapplicable by unanimous vote at a League

meeting.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL ASSOCIATIONS.

This Agreement between the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, hereinafter designated as the party of the first part, such eligible professional base ball associations as shall, with the assent of the National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations, be admitted to Class A and become signatory parties hereto – hereinafter designated as the parties of the second part, and such other eligible professional base ball associations as shall, with the assent of said National Board, be admitted to Class Band become signatory parties hereto – hereinafter designated as the parties of the third part. Witnesseth, That

 This instrument shall be called the National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Associations.

2. The general enforcement of this Agreement, the protection of rights thereunder, the determination of all controversies as hereinafter provided, and generally the regulation of all things within the scope of this Agreement, are each and severally conferred upon and committed to a Board to be known as "The National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations," This Board shall consists of thee delegates, representing the party of the first part, and one delegate representing each of the parties of the second part, elected each year by their respective constituent associations. The officers of the Board shall consist of a chairman, secretary and tr asurer, which offices may be filled by either one, two or three persons. All officers, assistants, agents or employes shall be selected, and all other questions, except as hereinafter prescribed, shall be decided by the entire Board, a majority of the delegates of the parties of the first part concurring in such selection and decision. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be constituted by the presence of a majority of the delegates of the party of the first part.

3. The Board may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the duties of each and all of its officers, its method of procedure and the general transaction of its business.

4. It shall be the duty of the Board, and it shall have full and final jurisdiction:

(a) To hear and determine all disputes and complaints between associations and clubs; between one club and another, members of different associations; between clubs and players or managers, and, in addition thereto, all disputes and complaints arising under and of all matters involving the interpretation of the National

Agreement or the disposition of the rights thereunder. Clubs belonging to the same association, by mutual consent, or upon the request of the association to which they belong, may refer any controversy between such clubs or in which such clubs are

interested, to the Board for decision or adjustment.

(b) In the performance of its duties the Board shall have power to impose fines or penalties upon associations, clubs, club officers, players, managers, scorers and umpires, and to suspend any such organization or person from the protection and privileges of the National Agreement in any instances in which, in its opinion, it or he shall have been guilty of conduct detrimental to the general welfare of the game, or in violation of the letter or spirit of the National Agreement.

(c) Its decisions shall be final over any and all matters within

its jurisdiction.

(d) It may reinstate any person or body suspended.

(e) It shall have power to make such reasonable assessments upon clubs or associations as may be necessary to defray the expenses incidental to the performance of its duties and the enforce-

ment of this Agreement.

(f) It may make all orders, rules and regulations, which it may deem necessary for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers, and to accomplish the purpose in view in its establishment and amend and supplement the same from time to time; provided, prior notice of any proposed amendments or supplements be given to all members of the Board before action be taken thereon.

(g) It may cause the proceedings or rulings, or any part thereof, in any case which may be deemed of sufficient importance to serve as a precedent, to be published in such a manner as may be

prescribed.

(h) Whenever anybody or person shall desire to submit any matter for the consideration of the Board it shall be presented to the chairman by a concise statement thereof, and accompanied by such evidence as may be in support of such statement. Notice shall be given to any other body or person interested in the matter, to make answer and to present appropriate evidence in support

5. (a) Associations parties of the second part shall be known and designated as members of Class A, and associations parties of the third part shall be known and designated as members of Class B, and an association of either class whose membership shall at any time be reduced to less than four clubs actually engaged in a schedule of championship games during and to the close of the season shall cease to be parties to, and forfeit all rights, privileges and protection under the National Agreement.

(b) When an association applies for protection and classification under the National Agreement, it shall include and state in its application to the secretary of the Board: The class, A or B, into which it seeks admission; the list of its club members with the respective location of their business offices and playing grounds; the monthly salary limit for its club teams and maximum monthly salary limit of their players; a copy of the constitution and bylaws of the association; a pledge or agreement for the maintenance of said salary limit and the faithful performance of its obligations under the National Agreement, its own constitution and by-laws, and its other contractual obligations; which classification, club membership, location of club offices and playing grounds, salary limit, constitution, by-laws and pledge or agreement shall not, after approval by the Board, be changed, modified, altered or released without the assent of the Board.

(c) Class A shall constitute associations whose clubs shall have the privilege of contracting with their players for one, two or three seasons or years, and of reservation, in accordance with Art. 9, of players under contract of only one season or year; subject to the right of "selection" of their players by a club member of the party of the first part, in accordance with Art. 8, at the rate of \$1000 for the release of each player so "selected." When such association shall consist of but four clubs, it shall pay to the secretary of the Board \$250 for each of said clubs; when of six clubs, \$200 for each of said clubs; when of six clubs, S150 for each of said clubs. Such payments to be made before the

beginning of the championship season.

(d) Class B shall constitute associations whose clubs shall have the privilege of contracting with their players for but one season with or without reservation (in accordance with Art. 9) as they may elect by notice to the secretary of the Board prior to the beginning of their championship season. Such association shall be subject to the right of "selection" by a club member of either of the parties of the first and second part in accordance with Art. 6, at the rate of \$500 for the release of each player so "selected" if antitled to reservation privileges.

—if entitled to reservation privileges.

When such association shall elect reservation privileges, it shall pay to the secretary of the Board for each of its clubs one-half the sums payable, as above prescribed, for associations in Class A, and, when not entitled to reservation privileges, the sum of twenty-five dollars per club prior to the beginning of the playing season.

6. (a) For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession a club member of the party of the first part may, at any time after October 1, in any year and before February 1 of the succeeding year, with the consent of the Board, negotiate with any

player then under contract with or reservation by a club member of such association, and "select" such player upon payment of the sum specified in Art. 5. And a club member of an association in Class A may negotiate with and make similar "selection" of a player then under contract and reservation by a club member of an association in Class B. Provided, that no such "selection" shall be enforced, and no transfer of a player shall be made un'ess he shall receive an increase of salary.

(b) Any club entitled to make a "selection" of a player and desiring to do so, shall notify the secretary of the Board, stating the name of the player and the club with which he is under contract of reservation, and inclosing the amount specified in Art. 5, to be paid for such release. The secretary shall thereupon notify the club or association from which such "selection" is to be made, and shall order his transfer to the "selecting" club. Notice of

such transfer shall thereupon be promulgated.

7. Contracts between clubs and players shall be in writing in the form p escribed by the Board. An informal contract, whether evidenced by telegrams or other writing, shall be valid for a period not exceeding thirty days, until a contract in the prescribed form shall be tendered by the contracting club to the contracting player. The failure of the club to so tender such formal contract will release the player from all contractual obligations thereunder, and the refusal of the player to execute such formal contract when so tendered shall extend the validity of his informal contract until he shall execute said formal contract.

S. No club shall at any time enter into negotiations or cont act with any player under contract to or reservation by another club without the latter's consent, under such fines and penalties as the

Board may inflict.

9. On or before the tenth day of October in each year the secretaries of associations, parties hereto, entitled to privilege of reservation, shall transmit to the secretary of the Board a reserve list of players, not exceeding fourteen in number, then under contract with each of its several club members, for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons, and in addition thereto a list of such players reserved in any prior annual reserve list, who have refused to contract with such clubs, and of all ineligible players. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with by such clubs, are and shall be ineligible to contract with any other club of any association, except as herein prescribed. The secretary of said Board shall thereupon promulgate such lists, provided that no club shall be permitted to reserve any player while in arrears of salary to him.

10. The Board may also release from contract or reservation any player or manager, when the club with which he has con-

tracted, or by which ne has been reserved, shall be in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due; or when the reserving club has failed to tender to any player, on or before the 1st day of March, after such reservation, a formal contract, with a salary of at least such an amount per month as the Board may fix as the minimum salary to be paid to such player, or when any such reserving club has transferred its membership after the close of a championship season to a different association, if the Foard shall deem that the player will be prejudiced by such transfer.

11. When a player under contract or reservation by any club of an association party hereto shall be expelled, suspended or rendered ineligible, in accordance with the rules of such association, notice of such disqualification shall be given to the said Board by the secretary of the association f om whose club the player may have been thus disqualified, and the Board shall forthwi h give notice of such disqualification to the several clubs acting under this Agreement. When a player shall become ineligible under the provisions of this Agreement, or by order of the Board, the secretary of the Board shall notify the several clubs acting under this agreement of such disqualification. From the receipt of any such notice all club members of associations acting under this Agreement shall be debarred from employing or playing with or against such disqualified player until the period of disqualification shall have terminated or the disqualification be revoked by the association from which such player was disqualified, or by the Board, and due notice of such revocation shall be given by the Board to the said several clubs.

of any association party hereto, may be suspended without pay or fined by such club or association for breach of contract or breach of any of the rules of such club or association, and he shall thereafter be ineligible to sign or play during the remainder of the current season with any of the clubs of any associations acting hereunder, unless such disability shall have been sooner removed by the club or association by which he was suspended, or by the

Board.

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NA-TIONAL BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL ASSOCIATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

A. II. Soden, Chairman, Boston, Mass.

N. E. Young, Secretary and Treasurer, Box 536, Washington, D. C.

H. R VONDERHORST, Baltimore, Md.

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations and are here given in order that they may be understood by all those interested. The same being adopted and to remain in force until repealed, altered, added to, or amended.

THE CHAIRMAN.

1. The duties of the Chairman shall be as follows:

a. To issue calls for meetings of the Board and preside at such meetings, having all powers with reference thereto which are incident to a presiding officer.

b To rule upon and decide all incidental and routine matters presented for determination, with power to delegate this duty to

the Secretary or any member of the Board.

c To supervise the performance of the duties imposed upon

the other members of the Board.

d To s e that each and all of the orders of this Eoard are complied with.
THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

2. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person, and the duties of such officer shall be as tollows:

a To receive, receipt for and disburse all moneys payable to this Board, and to make all financial statements required by the

provisions of the National Agreement.

b. To k ep the records of the proceedings of the Board, together with all the records required to be kept by the provisions of the National Agreement.

c. To issue all notices required by the National Agreement to

be issued.

d. To give interpretation to the playing rules when requested so to do, pursuant to the provisions of the National Agreement.

e. To receive all applications for membership under the National Agreement, and to see t at the applicants pay their proper dues.

f. To give notice of all fines and penalties imposed by the

Board, and to see that the same are paid.

g. To attend to such other matters as may be required of him by the Board and to keep records of all the business and duties connected with the Board.

The Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually, at some meeting after the first of January, and shall hold until their successors are elected and qualify.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS.

Whenever any controversy or matter to be submitted to the Board for adjustment or decision shall be forwarded, together with all evidence and documents therewith connected, to the Secretary and Treasurer, he shall, after submitting the same to the Board, promulgate or publish the opinion which must be prepared by the Chairman or such other member of the Board as he shall designate.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

Whenever any player shall be 'selected" by more than one club, the Board will award him to the club which shall have first filed formal notice with the Secretary that it desires the services of said player. Such notice, however, must be accompanied by the deposit required by the provisions of the National Agreement, otherwise such notice will be of no effect and void. A player so awarded shall be ineligible to sign with any other club, and upon dec!ining to ablde by the decisions of the Board, may be included in the regular list of reserved players of the club selecting him as per the provisions of Section 9 of the National Agreement.

ACCEPTED PLAYERS.

Whenever the services of any player released under the provisions of the National Agr ement are accepted by any club or association, authorized so to do by the provisions of such agreement, notice thereof shall be at once given to the Secretary, who shall accordingly promulgate the fact.

PAYMENTS.

All expenses of the Board, including compensation to the Secretary and Treasurer, or any other officer or member of the Boart for special work performed, telegraphing, postage, and such other expenses as shall be allowed, must be paid by check of the Secretary and Treasurer and vouchers taken therefor, which vouc ers shall be submitted at least once a year to the Board for examination and approval.

THE PLAYING RULES

-OF-

Professional Base Ball Clubs.

AS ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCI-ATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS,

THE BALL GROUND.

RULE I. The Ground must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

RULE 2. The Infield must be a space of ground thirty yards square.

THE BASES.

RULE 3. The Bases must be:

SEC. I. Four in number, and designated as First Base, Sec-

ond Base, Third Base and Home Base.

SEC. 2. The Home Base must be of whitened rubber twelve inches square, so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface, and so placed in the corner of the infield that two of its sides will form part of the boundaries of said infield.

SEC. 3. The First, Second and Third Bases must be white canvas bags, fifteen inches square, and filled with some soft material, and so placed that the center of the second base shall be upon its corner of the infield, and the center of the first and third bases shall be on the lines running to and from second base and seven and one-half inches from the foul lines, providing that each base shall be entirely within the foul lines.

SEC. 4. All the bases must be securely fastened in their posi-

tions.

THE FOUL LINES.

RULE 4. The foul lines must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the Home Base, along the outer edge of the First and Third Bases, to the boundaries of the Ground.

THE POSITION LINES.

RULE 5. The Pitcher's Boundary shall be marked by a white rubber plate twelve inches long and four inches wide so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface at the distance of sixty

feet six inches from the outer corner of the home plate, so that a line drawn from the center of the Home Base and the center of the Second Base shall give six inches on either side.

RULE 6. The Catcher's Lines must be drawn from the outer corner of the Home Base, in continuation of the Foul Lines,

straight to the limits of the Ground back of Home Base.

RULE 7. The Captain's or Coacher's Line must be a line fifteen feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines, said lines commencing at a line parallel with and seventy-five feet distant from the Catcher's Lines, and running thence to the limits of the grounds.

RULE 8. The Player's Lines must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the Ground, fifty feet distant from and

parallel with, the foul lines.

RULE 9. The Batsman's Lines must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space on the right, and of a similar space on the left of the Home Base, six feet long by four feet wide, extending three feet in front of and three feet behind the center of the Home Base, and with its nearest line distant six inches from the Home Base.

RULE IO. The Three Feet Lines must be drawn as follows: From a point on the Foul Line from Home Base to First Base, and equally distant from such bases, shall be drawn a line on Foul Ground, at a right angle to said Foul Line, and to a point three feet distant from it; thence running parallel with said Foul Line, to a point three feet distant from the First Base; thence in a straight line to the Foul Line, and thence upon the Foul Line to point of beginning,

RULE II. The lines designated in Rules 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 must be marked with chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire. They must all be so marked their entire length, except the Captain's and Player's Lines, which must be so marked for a distance of at least thirty-five vards from the

Catcher's Lines.

THE BALL.

RULE 12. The Ball;*

SEC. I. Must not weigh less than five or more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding League Ball or the Reach American Association Ball

must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2 For each championship game two balls shall be furnished by the Home Club to the Umpire for use. When the ball in play is batted over the fence or stands, on to foul ground out of sight of the players, the other ball shall be immediately put into play by the Umpire. As often as one of the two in use shall be lost, a new one must be substituted, so that the Umpire shall at all

times after the game begins, have two for use. The moment the Umpire delivers a new or alternate ball to the pitcher it comes into play, and shall not be exchanged until it, in turn, passes out of sight on to foul ground. At no time shall the ball be intentionally

discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise.

SEC. 3. In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club, and the last ball in play becomes the property of the winning club. Each ball to be used in championship games shall be examined, measured and weighed by the Secretary of the Association, inclosed in a paper box and sealed with the seal of the Secretary, which seal shall not be broken except by the Umpire in the presence of the Captains of the two contesting nines after play has been called.

SEC. 4. Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured as to be—in the opinion of the Umpire—unfit for fair use, the Umpire, on being appealed to by either Captain, shall at once put the alternate ball

into play and call for a new one.

THE BAT.

RULE, 13. The Bat:

Must be made wholly of hard wood except that the handle may be wound with twine, or a granulated substance applied, not to exceed eighteen inches from the end.

It must be round, not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in

length.

THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

RULE 14. The players of each club in a game shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as Captain, and in no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side.

RULE 15. The players' positions shall be such as may be assigned them by their Captain, except that the Pitcher must take

the position as defined in Rules 5 and 18.

RULE 16. Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy

seats among the spectators.

RULE 17. Every Club shall adopt uniforms for its players, but no player shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoes other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate.

PLAYERS' BENCHES.

RULE 18. The Players' Benches must be furnished by the home club, and placed upon a portion of the ground outside of, and not nearer than twenty-five feet to the Players' Lines. One such bench must be for the exclusive use of the visiting club and one for the exclusive use of the home club, and the players of the competing teams shall be required to occupy their respective benches during the progress of the game.

THE GAME.

RULE 19. SECTION I. Every Championship Game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset.

SEC. 2. A Game shall consist of nine innings to each contest-

ing nine, except that,

(a) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(b) If the side last at bat in the ninth inning scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

A TIE GAME.

RULE 20. If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings to each side, play shall only be continued until the side first at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side, in an equal number of innings, or until the other side shall score one or more runs than the side first at bat.

A DRAWN GAME.

RULE 21. A Drawn Game shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

A CALLED GAME.

RULE 22. If the Umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, unless the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

A FORFEITED GAME.

RULE 23. A forfeited game shall be declared by the Umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in

the following cases:

SECTION I. If the nine of a club fail to appear upon a field, or being upon the field fail to begin the game within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play," at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended or ter-

minated by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within one minute after the Umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team resorts to dilatory practice to delay the

game.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these rules is wilfully violated.

Sec. 6. If, after ordering the removal of a player as authorized by Rule 56, Sec. 5, said order is not obeyed within five minutes.

SEC. 7. In case the Umpire declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the Association within twenty-four hours thereafter.

NO GAME,

RULE 24. "No Game" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed except in a case when the game is called, the club second at bat shall have more runs at the end of its fourth inning than the club first at bat has made in its five innings, then the Umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greatest number of runs, and it shall be a game and be so counted in the Championship record.

SUBSTITUTES.

RULE 25. SECTION I. In every championship game each team shall be required to have present on the field, in uniform, one or more substitute players.

SEC. 2. Any such player may be substituted at any time by either club, but no player thereby retired shall thereafter par-

ticipate in the game.

SEC. 3. The Base Runner shall not have a substitute run for him, except by consent of the Captains of the contesting teams.

CHOICE OF INNINGS-CONDITION OF GROUND.

RULE 26. The choice of innings shall be given to the Captain of the Home Club, who shall also be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after rain.

THE PITCHER'S POSITION.

RULE 27. The pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet square on the ground, and in front of the pitcher's plate, but in the act of delivering the ball one foot must be in contact with the pitcher's plate defined in Rule 5. He shall not raise either foot, unless in the act of delivering the ball, nor make more than one step in such delivery. He shall hold the ball, before the delivery fairly in front of his body, and in sight of the Umpire. When the pitcher feigns to throw the ball to a base he must resume the above position and pause momentarily before delivering the ball to the bat.

THE DELIVERY OF THE BALL-FAIR AND UNFAIR BALLS.

RULE 28. A Fair Ball is a ball delivered by the pitcher while standing in his position, and facing the Batsman, the ball so delivered, to pass over the Home Base, not lower than the Batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder.

RULE 29. An Unfair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher, as in Rule 23, except that the ball does not pass over the Home Base, or does pass over the Home Base above the Batsman's shoulder or below the knee.

BALKING.

RULE 30. A Balk shall be

SECTION 1. Any motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it.

SEC. 2. The holding of the ball by the Pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily.

SEC. 3. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the Pitcher while not in the position defined in Rule 27.

DEAD BALLS.

RULE 31. A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher that touches any part of the Batsman's person or ciothing while standing in his position without being struck at; or any part of the Umpire's person or clothing, while on foul ground, without first passing the Catcher.

RULE 32. In case of a Foul Strike, Foul Hit ball not legally caught out, Dead Ball or Base Runner put out for being struck by a fair hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

BLOCK BALLS.

RULE 33. SECTION I. A Block is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Block occurs the Umpire shall declare it and Base Runners may run the bases without being put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher standing in his position.

SEC. 3. In the case of a Block if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the Fielders the Umpire should call "Time," and require each Base Runner to stop at the last base touched by him until the ball be returned to the Pitcher standing in his position.

THE BATSMAN'S POSITION-ORDER OF BATTING.

RULE 34. The batsmen must take their positions within the Batsmen's Lines, as defined in Rule 9, in the order in which they are named in the batting order, which batting order must be sub-

mitted by the Captains of the opposing teams to the Umpire before the game, and when approved by him this batting order must be followed except in the case of a substitute player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the original player in the batting order. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who has completed his turn—time at bat—in the preceding inning.

ers must immediately return to the players' bench as defined in Rule 18 and remain there until the side is put out, except when batsman or base runner; provided that the Captain and one assistant only may occupy the space between the Players' Lines and

the Captain's Lines to coach base runners.

SEC. 2. No player of the side at bat, except when Batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 6. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of the Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of, or passing between the Pitcher and Catcher, while standing in their positions.

SEC. 3. The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, but must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any Fielder

attempting to catch or field it.

THE BATTING RULES.

RULE 36. A Fair hit is a ball batted by the batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the First Base, the Third Base, any part of the person of a player, Umpire or any object in front of or on the Foul Lines, or batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines, between Homg and First, or Home and Third Bases,

without interference by a player.

RULE 37. A Foul Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, any part of the person of a player, or any object behind either of the Foul Lines, or that strikes the person of such Batsman, while standing in his position, or batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, between Home and First or Home and Third Bases without interference by a player. *Provided*, that a Foul Hit not rising above the Batsman's head and caught by the Catcher playing within ten feet of the Home Base, shall be termed a Foul Tip.

BALLS BATTED OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS.

RULE 38. When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the Umpire shall decide it Fair should it disappear within, or Foul should it disappear outside of the range of the Foul Lines, and Rules 36 and 37 are to be construed accordingly.

RULE 39. A Fair Batted ball that goes over the fence shall entitle the Batsman to a home run, except that should it go over the fence at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five feet from the Home Base, when he shall be entitled to two bases, and a distinctive line shall be marked on the fence at this point.

STRIKES.

RULE 40. A Strike is

SECTION I. A ball struck at by the Batsman without its touching his bat; or

SEC. 2. A Fair Ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, but not struck at by the Batsman.

SEC. 3. Any obvious attempt to make a Foul Hit.

RULE 41. A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

RULE 42. The Batsman is out:

SECTION I. If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper Batsman takes his position before a fair hit has been made; and in such case the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time at bat of the proper Batsman. *Provided*, this rule shall not take effect unless the out is declared before the ball is delivered to the succeeding Batsman.

SEC. 2. If he fails to take his position within one minute after

the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

SEC. 3. If he makes a Foul Hit other than a Foul Tip as defined in Rule 37, and the ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground, provided it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder, before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he makes a Foul Strike.

SEC. 5, If he attempts to hinder the Catcher from Fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of his position, or otherwise obstructing or interfering with that player.

SEC. 6. If, while the First Base be occupied by a base runner, three strikes be called on him by the Umpire, except when two

men are already out.

Sec. 7. If, after two strikes have been called the Batsman obviously attempts to make a foul hit, as in Section 3, Rule 40.

BASE RUNNING RULES.

WHEN THE BATSMAN BECOMES A BASE RUNNER.

RULE 43. The Batsman becomes a base runner: SECTION I. Instantly after he makes a Fair Hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after four balls have been called by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after three strikes have been declared by the

Umpire.
SEC. 4. If, while he be a batsman, his person—excepting hands or forearm, which makes it a dead ball—or clothing be hit by a ball from the Pitcher, unless—in the opinion of the Umpire—he intentionally permits himself to be so hit.

SEC. 5. Instantly after an illegal delivery of a ball by the

Pitcher.

BASES TO BE TOUCHED.

RULE 44. The Base Runner must touch each base in regular order, viz., First, Second, Third and Home Bases: and when obliged to return (except on a foul hit) must retouch the base or base in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base Runner.

ENTITLED TO BASES.

RULE 45. The Base Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take the Base in the following cases.

SECTION I. If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called four

Balls.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire awards a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit with a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery—as in Rule 43, Sec 4—and the Base Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire calls a "balk."

SEC. 4. If a ball delivered by the Pitcher pass the Catcher and touch the Umpire or any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.

SEC. 5. If upon a fair hit the Ball strikes the person or clothing of the Umpire on fair ground,

SEC. 6. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.

SEC. 7, If the Fielder stop or catch a-batted ball with his hat, or any part of his dress.

RETURNING TO BASES.

RULE 46. The Base Runner shall return to his Base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out:

SECTION 1. If the Umpire declares a Foul Tip (as defined in 37) or any other Foul Hit not legally caught by a Fielder.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire declares a Foul Strike.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire declares a Dead Ball, unless it be also the fourth Unfair Ball and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 45, Sec. 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the Umpire interferes with the Catcher or he is struck by a ball thrown by the Catcher

to intercept a Base Runner.

WHEN BASE RUNNERS ARE OUT.

RULE 47. The Base Runner is out:

SECTION I If, after three strikes have been declared against him while Batsman, and the Catcher fail to catch the third strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a Fair Hit while Batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground, or any object other than a Fielder: *Provided*, It be not

caught in a Fielder's hat or cap.

SEC. 3. If, when the Umpire has declared three strikes on him, while Batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground: *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder, before being caught.

SEC. 4 If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder before he shall have touched

First Base.

SEC. 5. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, *before* such Base Runner touches First Base.

SEC. 6 If, in running the last half of the distance from Home Base to First Base, while the ball is being fielded to First Base, he runs outside the Three Feet Lines, as defined in Rule 10 unless to avoid a Fielder, attempting to field a Batted Ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; but in case a Fielder be occupying the Base Runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base Runner shall run out of the path, and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in Sections 6 and 7 of this Rule; or if he in any way obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball. *Pro-*

vided, That if two or more Fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the Base Runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the Umpire shall determine which Fielder is entitled to the benefit of this Rule, and shall not decide the Base Runner out for

coming in contact with any other fielder.

SEC. 9. If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy. Provided, The ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; but (exception as to First Base), in running to First Base, he may overrun said base without being put out for being off said base after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning First Base, he also attempts to run to Second Base, or, after passing the base he turns to his left from the foul line, he shall forfeit such

exemption from being put out.

SEC. 10. If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball (other than a foul tip as referred to in Rule 37) is legally caught by a Fielder, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base Runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit ball was so caught. Provided, That the Base Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base, or touches the Base Runner with it; but if the Base Runner in attempting to reach a base, detaches it before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 11. If, when a Batsman becomes a Base Runner, the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following Base Runner is put out, and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before any following Base

Runner is put out.

SEC. 12. If a Fair Hit ball strike him before touching the Fielder, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the Batsman becoming a Base Runner, and no run shall be scored, or

any other Base Runner put out.

Sec. 13. If when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 44, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, in the same manner as in running to First Base.

SEC. 14. If, when the Umpire calls "Play," after any suspen-

sion of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base.

WHEN BATSMAN OR BASE RUNNER IS OUT.

RULE 48. The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 47, Sections 10 and 14.

COACHING RULES.

Rule 49. The coachers are restricted to coaching the Base Runner only, and are not allowed to address any remarks except to the Base Runner; and then only in words of nece sary direction; and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposing club, or the spectators, and not more than two coachers, who may be one player participating in the game and any other player under contract to it, in the uniform of either club, shall be allowed at any one time, To enforce the above, the Captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the Umpire to the offence, and upon a repetition of the same the offending player shall be debarred from further coaching during the game.

THE SCORING OF RUNS.

RULE 50. One Run shall be scored every time a base runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out by (exception). If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

THE UMPIRE.

RULE 51. The Umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a game, except for reason of illness or injury.

HIS POWERS AND JURISDICTION,

RULE 52. SECTION I. The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person offering any insult or indignity to him must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

SEC. 2. He must be invariably addressed by the players as Mr. Umpire; and he must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act as he may deem necessary, to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

RULE 53. The Umpire's duties shall be as follows: SECTION 1. The Umpire is the sole and absolute judge of play.

In no instance shall any person except the Captains of the competing teams be allowed to address him or question his decisions and they can only question him on an interpretation of the Rules. No Manager or any other officer of either club shall be permitted to go on the field or address the Umpire, under a penalty of a forfeiture of a game.

SEC. 2. Before the commencement of a Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided

they do not conflict with any of these rules.

Sec. 3. The Umpire must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third man is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

SEC. 4. The Umpire shall count and call every "dnfair ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "dead ball," if also an unfair ball, as a "ball," and he shall also count and call every "strike." Neither a "ball" nor a "strike" shall be counted or called until the ball has passed the Home Base. He shall also declare every "Dead Ball," "Block," "Foul Hit," "Foul Strike," and "Balk."

CALLING "PLAY" AND "TIME."

RULE 54. The Umpire must call "Play" promptly at the hour designated by the Home Club, and on the call of "Play" the game must immediately begin. When he calls "Time" play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player (but in case of accident to a Fielder, "Time" shall not be called until the ball be returned to and held by the Pitcher, standing in his position), or in case rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game; or to enforce order in case of annoyance from spectators.

RULE 55. The Umpire is only allowed, by the Rules, to call "Time" in case of an accident to himself or a player, a "Block," as referred to in Rule 33, Sec. 3, or in case of rain, as defined by

the Rule.

INFLICTING FINES.

Rule 56. The Umpire is empowered to inflict fines of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00 for the first offence on players during the progress of a game, as follows:

SECTION. 1. For indecent or improper language addressed to a

spectator, the Umpire, or any player.

SEC. 2. For the Captain or Coacher wilfully failing to remain within the legal bounds of his position, except upon an appeal by the Captain from the Umpire's decision upon a misinterpretation of the rules.

SEC. 3. For the disobedience by a player of any other of his

orders or for any other violation of these rules.

SEC. 4. In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, he shall at once notify the Captain of the offending player's side, and shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the Association or League within twenty-four hours thereafter, under the penalty of having said fine taken from his own salary.

SEC. 5. The Umpire shall, under no circumstances, remove a player from the game except upon a repetition of the offences pre-

scribed in Secs. I, 2 and 3.

FIELD RULES.

Rule 57. No Club shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its ground, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

RULE 58. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to the players in uniform, the Manager on each side and the Umpire; except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such officials of the Home Club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 59. No Umpire, Manager, Captain or player shall address the spectators during the progress of a game, except in

case of necessary explanation.

RULE 60. Every Club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the Visiting Club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the Visiting Club may claim, and shall be entitled to, the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played.)

GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

RULE 61. "Play" is the order of the Umpire to begin the

game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 62. "Time" is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 63. "Game" is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 64. "An Inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out as provided in these rules.

RULE 65. "A Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a Batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base runner; except when, because of being hit by a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery by the Pitcher, or in case of a sacrifice hit purposely made to the infield which, not being a base hit, advances a base runner without resulting in a put

out, except to the Batsman as in Rule 43.

RULE 60. "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these Rules.

SCORING.

RULE 67. In order to promote Uniformity in Scoring Championship Games the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

BATTING.

SECTION. I. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. The time or times when the player has been sent to base by being hit by a pitched ball, by the Pitcher's illegal delivery, or by a base on balls, shall not be included in this column.

SEC. 2. In the second column should be set down the runs

made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground within the foul

lines, and out of reach of the Fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a Fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle

the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When a hit ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the Batsman. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit, and exempt the Fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a Fielder that he cannot

handle it in time to put out the Batsman.

That in all cases where a Base Runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the Batsman should be credited with a base hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the Umpire, as defined in Rule 37.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be placed Sacrifice hits, which shall be credited to the Batsman, who, when but one man is out advances a Runner a base on a fly to the outfield or a ground hit, which results in putting out the Batsman, or would so result if handled without error.

FIELDING.

SEC. 5. The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a Batsman is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or where the Batsman fails to bat in proper order, the put out shall be scored to the Catcher.

SEC. 6. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a run out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

ERRORS.

SEC. 7. An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which allows the striker or base runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "bases on balls," bases on the batsman being struck by a pitched ball," or case of illegal pitched balls, balks and passed balls, shall not be included in said column. In scoring errors of batted balls see Section 3 of this Rule.

STOLEN BASES.

SEC. 8. Stolen bases shall be scored as follows:

Any attempt to steal a base must go to the credit of the base runner, whether the ball is thrown wild or muffed by the fielder, but any manifest error is to be charged to the fielder making the same. If the base runner advances another base he shall not be credited with a stolen base, and the fielder allowing the advancement is also to be charged with an error. If a base runner makes a start and a battery error is made, the runner secures the credit of a stolen base, and the battery error is scored against the player making it. Should a base runner overrun a base and then be put out, he shall receive the credit for the stolen base. If a Base Runner advances a base on a fly out, or gains two bases on a

single base hit, or an infield out, or attempted out, he shall be credited with a stolen base, provided there is a possible chance and a palpable attempt made to retire him.

EARNED RUNS.

SEC. 9. An earned run shall be scored every time the player reaches the home base unaided by errors before chances have been offered to retire the side.

THE SUMMARY.

RULE 68. The Summary shall contain:

SECTION 1. The number of earned runs made by each side.

SEC. 2. The number of two-base hits made by each player.

SEC. 3. The number of three base hits made by each player. SEC. 4. The number of home runs made by each player.

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SEC. 6. The number of double and triple plays made by each side, with the names of the players assisting in the same.

SEC. 7. The number of men given bases on called balls by each Pitcher.

SEC. 8. The number of men given bases from being hit by pitched balls.

SEC. q. The number of men struck out.

SEC. 10 The number of passed balls by each Catcher. SEC. 11 The number of wild pitches by each Pitcher.

SEC. 12. The time of game.

SEC. 13. The name of the Umpire.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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Meeting called to order at 12 o'clock noon. Present:

N. E. Young, Chairman; Messrs. Brush, Soden, Elliott, Vonder Ahe, Von der Horst and Hart, Directors.

The Secretary presented a tabular statement of championship games won and lost during the season of 1892. On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Poston Base Ball Club of Boston, Mass., having won the greatest percentage of games in the first series of Championship games, and a majority of the games in the special series of Championship with the Cleveland Base Ball Club (which latter club won the greatest percentage of games in the record series of Championship games), is hereby awarded the Base Ball Championship of the United States for the year 1892. The Secretary presented an appeal of the club claiming that the Pittsburg Club was indebted to them in the sum of \$267.25 on expense account by reason of the transfer of games October 7th and 8th.

On motion the Pittsburg Club was directed to pay the Chicago Club the sum of \$255.25 in full payment of claim. The Secretary also presented the appeal of the Pittsburg Club claiming that the Washington Club should pay the penalty of \$1,000 for its failure to continue the game of August 16. On motion the umpire's decision in awarding the game to the Pittsburg Club was unanimously sustained. On motion it was unanimously decided that the Washington Club forfeited to the Pittsburg Club the sum of \$1,000 by reason of its failure to continue game of August 16. It was further agreed that \$750 of above fine be remitted.

The Secretary presented complaint of the Pittsburg Base Ball Club against the Cincinnati Base Ball Club claiming that they had been unjustly deprived of their percentage of the gate receipts in games played at Cincinnati October 13 and 15, 1892. On motion the Cincinnati Club was directed to pay to the Pittsburg Club the sum of \$20.41 in full settlement of their claim.

N. E. Young, Chairman.

Signed, A. H. SODEN,

FRANK S. ELLIOTT,

" H. R. VANDER HORST, Directors.

JAS. A. HART,

CHRIS. VON DER AHE, I. T. BRUSH,

ANNUAL MEETING OF NATIONAL LEAGUE.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT THE HOTEL RICHELIEU, CHICAGO, ILL., WED-NESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1802.

Meeting called to order at 5:35 P. M.

Present:

A. H. Soden and W. A. Conant representing the Boston Base Ball Association.

C. Vonder Ahe and Edward Vonder Ahe representing the St. Louis Base Ball Association.

Ino. B. Day representing the National Exhibition Company.

A. C. Buckenbarger representing the Pittsburg Athletic Company.

F. De H. Robison and Stanley Robison representing the Cleveland Base Ball Company.

J. N. Struck and T. J. Batman representing the Louisville Base Ball Company.

H. R. Vonder Horst and J. W. Waltz representing the Baltimore Base Ball and Exhibition Company.

A. J. Reach representing the Philadelphia Ball Club.

C. H. Byrne and F. A. Abell representing the Brooklyn Base Ball Club.

J. T. Brush and N. A. Lloyd representing the Cincinnati Base Ball Club.

F. S. Elliott representing the National Washington Base Ball Club.

Jas. A. Hart representing the Chicago Ball Club.

On motion the reading of minutes of previous meetings was dispensed with.

The report of the Board of Directors was received and accepted.

On motion Messrs. Robison, Byrne and Hart were appointed a committee of three to confer with the owners of the Chicago Association Ball grounds with a view of relieving the League of the present existing lease on said grounds.

On motion adjourned to meet at 12 M. on the following day.

NOVEMBER THURSDAY, 17, 189

Meeting called to order at 12:10 P. M.. and proceeded to consider amendments to the League Constitution, which, as amended was adopted as follows. (See Constitution.)

After a general expression of opinion as to the proposed amendments to the Playing Rules, on motion the consideration of the same was referred to a Committee of three with instructions to report at the spring meeting.

The President appointed Messrs. Brush, Byrne and Vonder Horst as such committee.

The following named gentlemen were selected as Directors:

A. H. Soden, Jno. T. Brush, J. A. Hart, Jno. B. Day, C. Vonder Ahe, H. R. Vonder Horst.

On motion Mr. Zack Phelps was unanimously elected Attorney or this organization for the ensuing year.

On motion the Chair appointed Messrs. Vander Horst, Robison and Brush a committee to wait upon Mr. Phelps and advise him of his election.

On motion Mr. Jas. A. Hart was appointed a Committee of one to secure hotel accommodation in Chicago during the season of 1893,

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS—Certain club members of this League have been in the habit of divulging to the public, through the newspapers, statements regarding financial matters which are of a purely private nature, it is

Resolve ', That it is the sense of this League that the practice of giving to the public statements regarding gate receipts, sa aries paid to players or other financial matters is pernicious and mischief making and should be frowned upon and discouraged.

On motion, Mr. Geo. W. Howe was unanimously elected an honorary memb r of this organization, and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Howe of this action.

* On motion, Mr. N. E. Young was appointed a committee of one to prepare a schedule for 1893, which shall consist of one continuous season.

It was unanimously agreed that when this meeting adjourns it adjourns to meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, Tuesday, March 7, 1893, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The committee appointed to notify Mr. Phelps of his election as Attorney reported that they had performed that pleasant duty and that Mr. P. expressed his thanks and willingness to accept the honor withou compensation, except for services actually performed.

On motion, the treasurer was authorized to pay Mr. Phelps a retaining fee of \$100.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

N. E. Young.

RECONVENED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS, HELD AT THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1893.

Meeting called to order at I P. M.

Present:

A. II. Soden and W. H. Conant representing the Boston Base Ball Association.

Chris Von der Ahe, representing the St. Louis Base Ball Association.

C. Van Cott and E. B. Talcott, representing the National Exhibition Co.

W. W. Kerr and A. K. Scandrett, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Co.

II. R. Von der Horst, representing the Baltimore Base Ball and Exhibition Co.

F. Dell. Robison, representing the Cleveland Base Ball Co.

J. Geo. Ruckstuhl, representing the Louisville Base Ball Co.

A. J. Reach and Jno. I. Rogers, representing the Philadelphia Ball Club.

Jas. A. Hart, representing the Chicago League Ball Club.

Chas. H. Byrne, representing the Brooklyn Base Bail Club.

Jno. T. Brush, representing the Cincinnati Base Pall Club.

Frank S. Elliott, representing the National Washington Base Ball Club.

On motion, the reading of minutes of previous meeting was dispensed with. On motion, the regular order of business was suspended. The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Chicago Ball C'ub has sold the rights, privileges and franchise it formerly held in this body to the Chicago League Ball Club, it is

Resolved, That the Chicago League Ball Club be and hereby is made a full memb rof this League with all the rights and privileges formerly held by the Chicago Ball Club.

The resignation of the Chicago Ball Club was received and accepted

President Jas. A. Hart, who was appointed a committee to secure hotel accommodations for visiting League Clubs in Chicago during the season of 1893, submitted his report which was unanimously accepted.

On motion, a recess was taken until 3:30 P. M.

Meeting called to order at 4:25 P. M.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

The delegates to this convention regret that we are deprived of

the presence and co-operation of Mr. Chris Von der Ahe of the St. Louis Base Ball Club, iu our deliberations.

This regret is deepened for the reason that it has been caused by a serious accident to Mr. Von der Ahe's only son. We desire to extend to Mr. Von der Ahe and his family, our sincere sympathy and condolence in their affliction.

The playing rules' committee submitted its report.

On motion, the meeting resolved to go into committee of the whole for the consideration of the above report, after which the committee rose and submitted its report to the League.

On motion, Messrs. Byrne and Talcott were appointed a committee to invite all newspaper representatives to attend the meeting pending the consideration of amendments to the Playing Rules. After a full and free discussion of the amendments suggested, on motion adjourned to meet at 12 M., on the following day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1893.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 P. M., and proceeded to consider amendments to the Playing Rules, which, as amended, were adop ed as follows (See Playing Rules).

The schedule committee (Mr. Young) submitted his report, which was unanimously adopted.

It was unanimously agreed that when this meeting adjourns, it shall be subject to the call of the President.

N. E. Young, President and Secretary.

OFFICERS AND PLAYERS.

The following is an official list of the officers of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and officers and players of clubs, members thereof, for the season of 1893, so far as completed to March, 1893:

N. E. YOUNG, PRES. AND SEC.

Box 536, Washington, D. C.

DIRECTORS.

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CHICAGO BALL CLUB OF CHICAGO, ILL.

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* ADRIAN C. ANSON, Captain and Manager.

R. L. Caruthers,
W. A. Lange,
W. W. Taylor,
Walter Wilmot,
James Rvan,
M. J. Kittredge,
W. A. C. Gumbert,
Wm. Hutchinson,
Wm. McGill,
S. M. Dungan,
Wm. Hutchinson,
Wm. Schriver.

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Theo. Bretenstein,	J. W. Glasscock,	Wm. Gleason, Jr.,
J. A. Newell,	R. D. Buckley,	P. W. Werden,
Ino. Crooks,	Ino. F. Barne t,	A. H Clarkson,
Thos. Cahill,	T. J. Dowd,	Jno C Dolan,
T. C. Griffin,	C. II. Peitz,	Wm. V. Hawke,
	Jos. Quinn.	

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Lave Cross	E. I. Delehanty.	

THE OFFICIAL AVERAGES FOR 1892.

BATTING RECORD

Of Players who have taken part in Fifteen or more Championship Games. SEASON OF 1892.

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		Gam	Times	Runs	lst	Per	Total B	Sacrifice	Strien
Childs	Cleveland	144	552	135	185	.335	233	14	3
Brouthers	Brook yn	152	588	121	197	325	272	37	3
Iamilton	Philadelphia	136	539	131	178	.330	217	20	5
Ewing	New York	97	394	58	126	319	190	28	5
Rourke	Baltimore	62	240	40	76	317	92	11	1
Delehan y	Philadelphia	120	470	78	147	.312	236	30	
Burns	Brooklyn	139	545	94	168	.310	235	24	-
Cinslow	Brooklyn	63	242	37	75	.309	102	17	
hompson	Philadelphia	151	602	109	183	.303	258	50	8
Collins	Brooklyn	20	86	16	26	.302	35	6	
Ouffy	Boston	146	609	125	184	302	251	39	. 6
tivetts	Boston	65	239	40	72	.30	101	7	,
iernan	New York	114	451	80	134	.297	182	24	. 5
Rourke	New York	112	417	63	133	.297	176	31	-
an Haltren .	Balt. & Pit sburg	148	604	116	179	.296	243	42	1
oyle	N. Y. & Clevel and	108	449	97	133	.296	181	34	
AcPhee	Cincinanti	144	573	110	169	. 294	224	18	4
Dahlen	Chica, o	143		116	173	.294	245	32	
Oonovan	Wash, & Pittsb rg.	128		108	159	.292	199	35	
Ialiman		136		105	169	293	229	53	
Dungan	Chicago	113		46	126	.191	160	23	
Browning		102	387	58		. 291	150		
Ryan		127	503	102	147	.289	218		1
tolliday		149	600	114	172	.286	271	30	
Long	Boston	151	647	1 4	185	.286	250		
Connor	Philadelphia	153	558	122	159	.285	257	34	
Ward	Baltimore	53	188	28	53	.282	73	7	
arkin	Washington	116	450	73	127	.28_	180		
Smith	Pittsburg	136	495	86	140	.282	197	34	
Virtue	Cleveland	147	555	99	157	.282	212	44	
Fucker	Boston	148	540	95	152	.:81	186	37	
Shoct	Baltimore	75	304	43	85	.279	108	27	
Hoy	Washington	149	583	107	163	.279	212	45	1
aruthers	St. Louis	142			141	.277	176	30	
Milligan		76		41	88	277	140		
Burkett	Cleveland	145		117	168	.277	227	52	
iffin		129	459	103	127	.276	171	23	-
hngart	Pittsburg	137			151	.276	197	36	
Sutcliffe	Baltimore	66	272	41	75	.275	97	11	
Halligan		70	276	52	76	,275	109	13	
Stratton	Louisville	60						16	
Anson	. Chicago					.274	201	80	
Taylor	Louisville	128	489	67	134	.274	144	47	
Ward			610	109	167	.273	188		
Carroll	St. Louis	100	406	82	112	.278	147		
Glasscock		139	564	84	154				
Ehret	Pittsburg		128	11		.278			

OFFICIAL AVERAGES.

BATTING RECORD-Continued.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	1st Base Hits.	Per cent.	Total Bases.	Sacrifice Hits.	Stolen Bases.
Rob nson	Baltimore	83	329	36	89	.270	112	22	12
Clements	+hiladelphia	102	396	50	107	.270	168	32	5
Ganzell	Boston	51	200	24	54	.270	69	. 16	7
McKean	Cleveland	128	523	75	141	.269	174	51	19
Stovey	Baltimore & Boston	112	285	58	77	.268	123	7	20
Weaver	Louisville	136	551	55	148	.268	174	60	28
Miller	Pittsburg	147	606	103	163	.268	202	24	27
Zimmer	Cleveland	111	409	63	110	.268	167	26	15
F.elds	New York	17	67	- 8	18	-268	26	5	/8
McGraw	Baltimore	76	288	41	77	. 267	93	16	14
Sanders	Loui-ville	53	198	30	53	.267	78	11	3
Nash	Boston	135	524	95	139	.265	183	31	29
Cross	Phila elphia	134	530	85	139	.262	187	33	17
Pfeffer	Louisville	124	466	79	122	.261	163	41	30
D. Lyons	New York	108	391	71	102	.260	155	25	18
Vaughn	Cincinnati	85	34)	45	89	. 257	113	16	13
Stricker	Balt. & St. Louis	100	362	56	93	.257	115	28	20
Mack	Pi.tsburg	86	338	39	87	.257	107	27	11
Brodie	St. Louis	154	600	86	154	.256	193	33	28
Daly	Brooklyn	120	435	73	111	.255	150	25	35
Werden	St. Louis	148	599	73	153	255	209	50	20
9rimm	Louisville	95	369	39	94	.254	121	15	18
Radford	Washington	134	506	92	129	. 254	162	27	44
Burke	Cincin. & New York	97	405	86	103	.254	145	21	39
Shindle	Baltimore	143	612	100	155	.253	216	24	27
Davis	Cleveland	143	595	96	151	. 253	213	56	36
O'Connor	C'eveland	139	598	71		. 253	179	40	18
Duffee	Washington	129	488	64		.252	173	39	31
O'Neil	Cincinnati	107	420	63	105	.250	138	37	15
Beckley	Pittsburg	152	603	102		. 250	235	44	40
Esper	Philadelphia	18	76	8		.250	24	11	0
Joyce	Brooklyn	97	373	89		. 249	145	20	32
Smith	Cincinnati	138	500	58		.248	169	25	21
Jumbert	Chicago	48	182	18		.247	54	6	3
Vickery	Baltimore	18	73	6		.246	22	7	2
Dowd	Washington	141	576	93		.246	173	48	48
Febeau	Cleveland	84	337	47		.246	109	19	7
Brien	Brooklyn	121	493	72		. 245	152	41	64
	Pittsburg & Balt	66	232	30		. 245	75	15	7
	New York	96	412	67		. 245	110	27	36
	Boston	124	474	83		. 244	151	24	39
	Boston	152	602	116		.244	187	38	59
	Brooklyn	78	284	42		.243	82	22	22
	New York	36	161	19		.242	42	4	5
	Balt. & Louisville	132	485	74		. 241	175	23	28
	Washingt n	87	311	46		.241	109	16	9
	Cleveland	150	572	92	138		196	43	41
	Washington	142	544	47		.240	161	30	21
Bierbauer	Plttsburg	153	640	82		.240	216	45	18
Lathain	Cincinnati	150	617	111		.239	176	50	64
	N. Y. & St. Louis	73	263	56		. 239	72	6	25
McMahon	New York	36	146	21	35	.239	57	13	2

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BATTING RECORD-Continued.

		Games Played.	at	pe	0	4	co	ifice Hits	Rages
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		Pa	limes Ba.	Runs	45 00	Per cent,	Tot	Sacrifice	Stolen
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Jorcoran	Brooklyn	151	615	77	146	.237	170	44	4
Fuller	New York	138	511	74	122	.236	149	32	5
King	New York	45	162	26	38	.234	55	16	
Brown	Louisville	153	658	106	153	.232	187	36	7
fennings	Louisville	152	584	66	137	.232	171	48	2
Decker	Chicago	79	294	32	68	.231	91	7	
Chamberlain	Cincinnati	44	156	13	36	.230	47	6	
farrell	Pittsburg	152	590	96	136	.230	195	36	1
Alien	Philadelphia	148	557	74	128	.229	182	42	1
Welch	Cincin & Baltimore.	87	331	56	76	.226	93	23	2
Hutchison	Chicago	70	258	13	58	. 225	- 81	9	10
Junson'	Baltimore	85	313	34	70	.223	91	9	
Comisky	Cincinnati	140	554	60	124	.223	158	45	2
Schriver	Chicago	89	324	39	72	.222	94	14	
Twitchell	Washington	51	190	20	42	.221	62	12	
Wilmot	Chicago	92	381	46	84	.220	112	13	5
Buckley	St. Louis	106	412	43	91	. 20	134	24	
Quinn	Boston	142	528	63	116	.219	135	49	5
Stein	Brooklyn	41	1 2	18	31	.218	35	12	
Parrott	Chicago	79	335	40	72	215	96	26	
Heason	St. Louis	63				.215	69	10	
Зирру	Cleve and	41				215	49	1:	
Rusie	New York	65				.214	72	10	
Harrington	Cincinnati	18				.213	13	4	
Crooks	St. Louis	127				.213	132	33	1
Killen	Washington	53				.211	62		
Cobb	Baltimore	49	171	20		210	53	10	
H. Richardson	N. Y. & Waahington.	70				209	87	20	
Pickett	Baltimore	36				.208	41		
Nichols	Boston	54	194				57	8	3
Bassett	N. Y & Louisville	112					120	36	
Camp	St. Louis	45					41		
Reilly	Philadelphia	81					84	37	
Kelly	Boston	75					69	19)
Bennett		32				.201	29	5	,
Royle	New York	116					116	40)
Hawley	St. Louis	-17) 8	12		16	5 1	
Foutz	Brooklyn	55	3 221	33	3 44	.199	60	22	2
Wood bcoW		50	176	18	35	.198	47	1 8	3
Luby	Chicago	4(154	18	30	.195	41	15	5
Werritt	Louisville	45	164	21	32	.195	45	3 8)
Sery	Louisville	45	2 154	1 18	30	.194	36	1	2
Murphy	Cincinnati		229	25	44	.192	68	3 17	2
Jorkhill			7 :51	24	48	.191	5	7 27	7
Cerry	Pittsburg		3 9	5 10	18	.189	35	2 6	3
Kennedy) 8	1	16	.188	3 25	2 8	5
Kittridge		100							
Hart									
Genins		48							
Viau		20							
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Robionson,	Louisville					.180			

BATTING RECORD-Continued.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	1st Base Bits.	Per cent.	Total Bases,	acrifice Hits.	Stolen Bases.
Newman	Chicago	16	62	4	11	.177	11	4	3
Moriarty	St. Louis	46	177	20	31	.175	4	11	6
Inllivan	Cincinnati	18	74	5	13	.175	15	2	1
Mullane	Cincinaati	3	114	14	20	.175	26	6	2
Haddock	Brooklyn	41	156	23	27	.173	. 33	- 8	7
Pinckney	St. Louis	78	290	31	50	.172	62	22	4 2
Jiarkson	Boston & Cleveland	42	157	15	27	.171	34	6	2
Knowles	New York	15	59	9	10	.169	1	2	3
Jooney	Cincin. & Washington	90	272	25	46	.169	51	14	9
Dowse	Louisville Phil. & W.	57	219	18	37	.168	40	12	4
Janavan	Chicago	118	438	51	73	.166	106	40	37
Kuehne	Cin., Lou. & St. Louis	89	338	25	56	.165	76	30	11
Jones	Washington & Lou	18	67	6	11	.164	11	1	1
Young	Cleveland	49	196	14	32	.163	41	18	2
Dross	Baltimore	15	50	5	8	.160	8	4	0
Jarsey	Philadelphia	33	128	8	20	.156	27	13	1
Moran	St. Louis	22	78	2	12	.153	13	3	0
Dwyer	Cincin. & St. Louis	56	150	19	23	.153	27	11	5
Berger	Washington	25	98	9	14	.142	16	8	5
Mulvey	Philadelphia	25	98	9	14	.142	18	7	9
McMahon	Baltimore	45	178	11	25	.140	28	10	(
Staley	Bo-ton	34	119	9	16	.134	21	11	1
D vi s	Cleveland	24	84	3	11	130	11	7	5
B eitenstein	St. Louis	38	129	16	16	.124	19	7	4
Weyhing	Philadeli hia	54	211	14	26	.123	30	15	1
Knell	Phila, & Wa-hington.	25	99	12	12	.121	12	4	(
bbey	Washington	19	70	5	8	.114	9	5	1
Durvea	Cincin. & Washington	19		7	8	.108	9	4	(
Meekin	Lou. & Washington	31	105	14	11	105			
Baldwin	Pittsburg	46		11	18	.105	25		
Keefe	Philadelphia	32	114	6	12	.105	17	2	
Balvin	Pittsburg & St. Louis	20	80	5	7	.087	8		
Raymond	Pitts. & Washington.	15		7	5	.079	7		1

FIELDING RECORD

Of Players who have taken part in fifteen or more Championship Games. SEASON OF 1892,

Catchers.

Name.	CLUB.	Games	No. put out.	Times assisting.	Fielding errors.	Passed balls.	Average.
Bennett	Boston	32	169	33	11	2	.939
Cross	Philadelphia	34	156	34	6	10	.922
Kittridge	Chicago	66	362	86	21	17	921
O'Connor	Cleveland	33	153	41	7	10	.919
Harrington	Cincinnati	18	76	21	2	7	913
Clements	Philadelphia	103	5.0	105	37	27	.911
Buckley	St. Louis	101	512	120	41	25	.908
Zimmer	Cleveland	111	1.03	131	42	26	.903
Milligan	Washington	45	224	75	15		900
Daily	Brooklyn	70	351	83	24	24	.900
Murphy	Cincinnati	(9	317	68	18	25	.899
Mack	Pittsburg	83	394	130	28	34	.894
Schriver	Chicago	80	371	97	36	21	.891
Miller	Pittsburg	60	284	73	20	24	890
Ganzell	Boston	49	200	51	18	13	. 89
Daly	Brooklyn	23	96	24	5	10	.8-
Ewing	New York	29	181	48	11	19	.88
Dowse	Lou'ville, Phila., Wash.	44	191	59	20	13	.88
Kinslow	Brooklyn	63	360	86	33	27	88
Gunson	Baltimore	65	000	105	38	25	.88
Vaughn	Cincinnati	69	250	66	27	19	.87
Robinson	Baltimore	84	326	87	33	23	.87
	Louisville	69	284	90	21		.87
	Louisville	45	177	58	18	1	86
	Boston	68	331	93	38	32	
	Washington	80	27	97	30	32	856
	New York	77	431	132	47	71	. 82
	New York, Cleveland	33	149	52	23	22	
	St. Louis	20	91	23	14		.80

First Basemen.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games	No. put out.	Times assisting.	Fielding errors.	Атегаве.
Connor	Philadelphia	153	1461	60	23	.985
Virtue	Cleveland	147	1502	69	25	.984
Comi-kv	Cincinnati	140	460	71	25	.988
Werden	St. Louis	148	1474	96	26	.983
	New York	34	322	15	6	982
	Louisville	34	349	2	7	.981

First Basemen-Continued.

Name.	CLUB.	Games played.	No. put out.	Times assisting	Fielding errors.	Ауегаде.
Beckley	Pittsburg	152	1524	127	32	.981
Whistler	Baltimore and Louisville.	123	1303	53	33	.976
Milligan	Washington	31	312	24	8	.976
Tucker	Boston	148	1477	49	40	.974
	New York	60	674	48	19	.974
Boyle	New York	37	360	23	11	972
Anson	Chicago	147	1491	61	46	.971
Brouthers	Brooklyn	152	1485	99	37	.971
Sanders	Louisville	15	146	6	5	.968
Larkin	Washington	114	1087	61	39	.967
Sutcliffe	Baltimore	66	677	21	31	.957
	Cincinnati and Baltimore	18	179	6	10	.948

Second Basemen.

Bierbauer	Pittsburg	153	383	536	42	.956
McPhee		144	454	484	45	.954
D. Richardson	Washington	50	165	187	18	.951
Quinn		142	359	419	40	.951
Childs		144	358	440	46	.945
Hallman	Phila lelphia	136	318	368	45	.938
H. Richardson	Washington and N. Y	31	79	102	13	933
Pfeffer		115	318	365	52	.929
Bassett	New York and Louisville.	36	82	125	16	.928
McGraw	Baltimore	34	97	103	16	.926
Stricker	St. Louis and Baltimore	100	279	304	47	.925
Ward		148	373	480	70	. 924
Crooks		102	276	295	47	.923
Canavan	Ch'cago	114	288	357	57	.918
Pickett		36	80	110	17	.918
Brodie	St. Louis	16	32	37	7	.907
Dowd	Washington	95	199	253	57	.888
Burke	New York and Cincinnati.	59	164	176	47	
Decker	Chicago	16	23	39	9	873
Doyle	New York and Cleveland.	29	55	73	20	. 865

Third Basemen.

Dahlen	Chicago	68	113	188	18	.943
Cross		45	98	142	15	.941
Crooks		25	36	51	7	.925
Davis	Cleveland	78	102	164	25	.914
Reilly	Philadelphia	63	114	162	28	.908
	Brooklyn	58	78	111	21	.900
Tebeau	Cleveland	75	98	155	29	.897
Malvey	Philadelphia	25	40	56	11	.897
	Boston	135	195	351	64	.895
	Baltimore	134	203	384	70	.893
	Cincinnati	142	179	334	65	.887
	Chicago	79	115	166	36	.886
	Cin . Lou'ville and St. L	87	114	182	39	.886

Third Basemen-Continued.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games played.	No. put out.	Times assisting.	Fielding errors.	Average.
Farrell	Pittsburg	133	181	286	61	. 884
Pinckney	St. Louis	77	85	160	33	.881
D. Lyons	New York	108	150	203	55	.865
Radford	Washington	54	66	126	31	.860
Bassett	Louisville and New York.	76	86	182	44	.859
Joyce	Brooklyn	94	142	166	- 52	.855
Robinson	Washington	55	66	113	31	.852
Raymond	Pittsburg and Washingt'n	15	18	40	11	.840
Knowles	New York	15	14	25	9	.812
Dowd	Washington	17	24	34	14	.805
Camp		40	37	62	27	.785

Short Stops.

D. Richardson	. Washington	91	225	443	39	.944
Allen	Philadelphia	148	433	522	69	.932
Davis		21	39	55	8	.921
Glasscock	St. Louis	139	281	475	67	.918
Smith		138	236	558	71	.917
Corcoran	Brooklyn	151	204	494	63	.917
Dahlen		74	182	242	40	.913
Jennings		145	336	543	84	.912
Cooney		90	116	218	35	.905
Fuller		138	291	430	86	893
Long	Boston	142	306	509	102	.888
Miller	Pittsburg	. 17	40	53	12	.885
Shugart	Pittsburg	136	312	468	10	.884
Berger		18	26	42	9	.883
Schoch	. Baltimore	56	104	193	42	.876
McKean	Cleveland	128	201	371	84	.872
Genins		31	62	103	25	,868
O'Rourke	Baltimore	57	105	185	44	.868
Cross		15	17	37	9	.857
Radford		19	29	51	23	.776

Fielders.

Griffin	Brooklyn	127	260	26	9 .969
McAleer	Cleveland	150	367	25	16 .960
O'Brien	Brooklyn	121	219	15	10 .959
Newman		16	19	1	1 .952
	Cleveland	42	51	7	3 .951
Corkhill		67	145	13	8 .951
Ryan	Chicago	119	235	37	25 949
	Louisville	42	66	9	4 .949
Brodie.	St. Louis	136	290	22	17 .948
Thompson	Philadelphia	151	210	31	14 .945
Burns	Brooklyn	127	155	14	10 944
	Philadelphia	136	292	29	22 936
	Cleveland	106	153	18	12 .934
	Washington		85	13	7 .933

Fielders-Continued.

Name.	CLUB.	Games	No. put out.	Times as-isting.	Fielding errors.	Ауегаде.
Holliday	Cincinnati	149	266	23	22	.929
Brown	Louisville	153	351	38		.928
Taylor	Louisville	73	122	14	11	
O'Neil	Cincinnati	107	184	15		.925
Collins	Brooklyn	20	37	0	3	.925
Duffy	Boston	146	259	21		.924
H. P. Lyons	New York	96	189	17	17	.923
Duffee	Washington	121	248	36	23	.921
Delehanty	Philadelphia	118	254	29	23	.921
Weaver	Louisville	1:2	196	9	18	.919
Caruthers	St. Louis	12	160	22	16	.919
O'Rourke	New York	109	146	12		.918
Miller	P.ttsburg	70	91	10	10	.918
Lowe	Boston	89	173	18	18	.914
Burkett	Cleveland	145	282	18	28	.914
Browning	Cincinnatl and Louisville.	101	197	15	20	.913
Daly	Brooklyn	30	59	4	6	.913
Welch	Cincinnati and Baltimore	87	189	6	19	911
Gore	New York and St. Louis.	73	136	9	14	.911
Stovey	Baltimore and Boston	102	187	9	1	.911
Farrell	Pittsburg	19	42	7	5	.907
Dungan	Chicago	113	185	7	20	905
Carroll	St Louis	100	179	21	21	.904
Tiernan	New York	114	156	15		.904
Burke	New York and Cincinnati	38	57	8	7	.902
H. Richardson	New York and Washingt'n	22	36	1	4	.902
Gunson	Baltimore	17	28	2	3	.901
Wilmot	Chicago	92	196	8	23	.898
Kelly	Pittsburg and Baltimore.	66	116	11	15	.894
Cross	Philadelphia	23	38	4	5	.893
Smith	Pittsburg	123	223	15	29	.891
Stivetts	Boston,	17	30	2		.889
Doyle	New York and Cleveland.	25	43	4	6	.887
Twitchell	Washington	48	73	5	10	.886
Dowd	Washington	22	35	3	5	.883
McCarthy	Poston	152	211	31	33	.880
Hoy	Washington	149	267	17	40	.876
Wood	Cincinnati and Baltimore	50	71	11	12	.872
Donovan	Pittsburg and Washingt'n	128	171	28	29	.872
Ward	Baltimore	40	50	10	9	.869
McGraw	Baltimore	31	43	8		.864
Decker	Chicago	63	72	11	13	.864
Halligan	Cincinnati and Baltimore	47	65	7		.857
Van Haltren	Baltimore and Pittsburg.	143	239	37		.854
Moriarty	St. Louis	46	97	9		.828
Foutz	Brooklyn	26	25	7	7	.820

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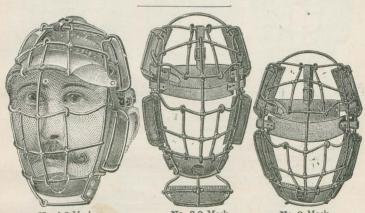
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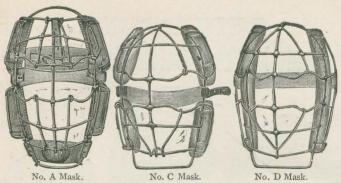
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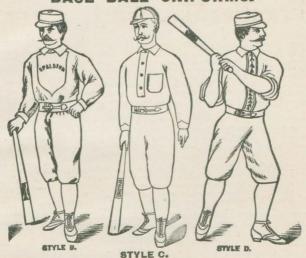
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11 0	66		50
Special	64	Canada and a second	50
No o.	6.6	Caps " 10	
Special	66	D-la	50
		Necktie to match trimmings.	
Uniform	comple	te, without shoes \$12.5	50
extra to	r Padde	d Pants Each pair, 1	50

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BASE BALL UNIFORMS.

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NO. I UNIFORM

NO. 1 UNFORM. The flannel used in this uniform is the same quality as the No. o grade but lighter in weight. We have fifteen styles, and all shown on sample card, which will be mailed on application.

PRICE.

No	Ι.	Qual	lity Shirt, any style	Each,	\$4	00
46	1.	44	Pants, "	6.6	3	75
46	1.	61	Stockings		1	00
86	Ist	+6	Caps			75
40	0.0	r 2 66	Belt	66		50
	-		Necktie to match trimmings.			-
Un	ifor	n con	nplete, without shoes		\$10	00
			added pants Eac			

NO. 2 UNIFORM.

NO. 2 UNIFORM. Made of $4\frac{1}{2}$ oz. twilled flannel, in the following colors: No. 31, White; No. 32, Yale Gray; No. 33, Shaker Gray; No. 34. Steel, mixed; No. 35, Navy Blue.

PRICE.

1	No.	2,	Quality	Shirt, any	style					 	Each,	\$3	00
		2.	5.6	Pants,	66					 	61	2	75
	6.6	2.	46	Stockings.						 	66		75
	4.5	2d	6.6	Caps						 	64		60
			2 11	Belt						 	66		40
		-	U	Ne	cktie t	o mai	tch t	rimm	ings.		-		-
				ete, withou									
E	Ext	ra fo	or Padde	ed pants						 . Each	pair,	1	50

NO. 3 UNIFORM.

NO. 3 UNIFORM. Made of various colors of flannel. Heavy and strong. The best value at the price.

PRICE.

" 3. " Pants, " " 1 3. " Stockings. " " 3. " Caps. "	No.	3.	Quality	Shirt, any style	Each,	\$2 0
" 3. " Caps		3.	66	Pants, "	**	1 7
" 3. " Caps	14	3.	66	Stockings		50
			44			5
	66	3 or		Belt		2

NO. 4 UNIFORM.

Made of a White Shaker flannel and a Gray Cotton Cloth.

PRICE.

No. 4.	Quality	Shirt,	plain,	pleat	or	lace]	Each,	\$1	50
86 4.	66	Pants.					 	 	 	44	1	25
44 4.	66	Stocki	ngs				 	 	 	46		25
Canton	Flannel	Cap.	lined				 	 	 	66		25
No 4 F	Belt						 	 	 	46		25
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